

MANHATTAN IS THE KLONDYKE OF NEVADA

Capital Rushing In and Buying Placer Ground---Forty-One Yards of Gravel Worked Averaging \$23 to the Yard.

Excitement is the only word that approaches a description of the interest in the placer deposits of Manhattan gulch. The reports of the early values recovered were underestimated, and yet the reports were generally disbelieved. As the work of development progressed, values improved and with improved values the disbelief increased. This is a fair statement of public opinion up until within less than thirty days ago, when "Dry Wash" Wilson made his first clean-up, recovering better than \$12.50 per yard, and after the gold had been sent out to Tonopah, Goldfield, San Francisco and New York, the public was compelled to recognize the fact that there was placer gold in Manhattan gulch, but their still remained the doubt as to values. Mr. Wilson made a second clean-up, recovering \$14 per yard. This produced just a little public trust and confidence, just enough to cause certain interests to send in their experts, with instructions that if the gravel was as reported to procure options or buy ground. So far as the Mail is informed not a single expert but who has tried to get

ground; not one but who has given the most favorable report. Tuesday of this week has so far been the red-letter day of placer mining in Manhattan gulch. Heywood, Auxier and Crews washed forty-one yards of gravel from their ground at Central. The gold from the sluices was being melted at the assay office of L. F. Carr at Central, and when two-thirds of it had been melted, Mr. Carr was unfortunate enough to have his office take fire from the furnace, causing delay in finishing the work, so that the exact returns cannot be given in this issue of the Mail. However, enough is positively known to show it to be the richest clean-up so far made. H. D. Heywood, one of the owners of the lease, said to a representative of the Mail: "We took accurate measurement of the gravel and there were forty-one yards washed. About two-thirds of the clean-up had been melted when the assay office caught fire, and as there was \$634 in this melt, I am positive that when the melt is completed it will be between \$900 and \$1000 from the forty-one yards. The gravel will average between \$23 and \$25 to the yard." These are the highest average values thus far recovered from the gulch.—Manhattan Mail.

VELVET LEASE TO SINK 1000 FEET

PUMPS STARTED TO PAVE THE WAY FOR RESUMPTION OF WORK.

(Special to the Bonanza.)
GOLDFIELD, April 15.—By the first of next month, the Chicago-Velvet lease on the Merger ground will again be in the limelight, as plans have already been perfected for the resumption of work in the property, and the present shaft, which is down about 500 feet, will be sunk to the 1000-foot level as quickly as possible. The hope of the men behind the movement is that the rich vein of the Red Top will be encountered in the meantime, and the values which have made of that property one of the most important in the camp will be their reward.

For several weeks the hoist on the ground has been busily engaged in raising water from the lower levels, and at this time it is said everything is in readiness for the resumption of active work, and if the present plans are not interfered with, with a

few weeks the dirt will be flying in every direction about the scene.

Mr. A. A. Codd stated last night that eastern capital was to back the enterprise, and that it was not unlikely that the ore would be found, since it has always been the opinion of mining men all over the district that the Red Top vein went directly through the ground.

"Up to this time they have never found any ore on the ground," said Mr. Codd, "but it is my opinion that it is only a matter of depth when they will catch this ledge, and the values will be just as good as are to be had anywhere in the camp."

"Superintendent Craig, who has for months had charge of the property, told me that everything was in shape, and that work could commence right away, without fear of being interrupted by water. He stated that the shaft was in excellent condition, and the only thing remaining was to put the men to work, and another property would begin driving for ore in the Goldfield district, with every indication of success."

Mr. Codd could not disclose the names of the parties who are backing the new work, but it is believed that they are men who are familiar with the former good showing made by the Original Velvet.

MANHATTAN AND ROUND MOUNTAIN POWER LINE BUILDING VERY RAPIDLY

Juice Will be Flowing Through Lines on the 15th of May---Means Much for Both Gold Camps.

Two car loads of transmission wire for the Manhattan and Round Mountain electric power line have arrived at Millers and the third car will reach there Sunday. Much of the telephone wire is already on hand. The wires will be strung simultaneously. When the poles are all in place, and well set, a wagon will start slowly along the line. In its bed will be five huge reels, three with transmission cables and two with telephone wires. These reels will spin simultaneously, feeding the three arms of one set of poles and the two of the other at the same time. From five to six miles a day, it is expected, will be made in paying out these cables and wires, much after the manner of a ship laying a cable. Each of the transmission cables consists of seven strands and is of exceptional strength. When in place, the converting station at Millers will be able to send out "juice" for at least 3000 horsepower into Manhattan and Round Mountain. A portable phone will be carried by the construction gang and when the boys pitch their camp each night, they will have their phone right in the main tent so as to keep careful tab over every mile they have covered. The placing of the poles started this week and the wires should all have been strung into Manhattan by May 1st. The sub-station will be located just east of the Lemon mill. The building will be of re-inforced concrete and will contain three living rooms in addition to the large room set aside for the transformers and other power and light equipment. F. E. Dellinger, who will look after the company's interests

at Manhattan and Round Mountain, will reside at the station with his family.

Mr. Chappell when asked concerning his views of Manhattan said that the camp is looking exceedingly fine. He noted the fact that there are few loafers there and that every one seems to be at work and full of hope and optimism. He believes the coming of the electric line will mean much to the camp and the district.

\$11,000 FIRST MONTH FROM MAYFLOWER

The output of the Mayflower mill for the first month, as shown by the bullion returns, was about \$11,000. Owing to the delays usually incident to the starting of new plants, the mill was not up to capacity, about 366 tons having been crushed. The grade of ore was also a disappointment, the average being \$29.75, although this is a high grade of milling ore in any country.

The enforced crowding of a raise between the 300 and 200 levels for air connection necessitated the milling of the ore as broken and interfered with the free stoping of ore in the rich shoot of ore exposed between these levels, and from which point the management expected to make a record for the first month's production.

The mill is crushing between thir-

teen and thirteen and one-quarter tons of ore per day, and an extraction from 88 to 90 per cent is being made from plates and cyanide. The mill is not equipped with a regrinder or with a silencing plant, with which additions perhaps 96 per cent extraction could be effected. The mine, as equipped, is making a satisfactory saving, and is making good money, the entire expense for the first month's run being \$4000, which sum should be reduced from now on. The mill is good for a net profit from \$7000 to \$8000 per month, with five stamps dropping.

The mine is in excellent shape, better, perhaps, than ever before in its history, and the management announces that there is more ore in sight now than at the time the mill started operations.

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